MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No, I think.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : The member is not sure ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

Rule re seniority of acting hands in Government service.

76. MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a rule that, in the matter of appointment, the date of first entertainment should be considered for determining seniority ;

(*b*) if so, whether the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, acted in contravention of this rule during the months of Edavam and Karkatakam 1107 ;

(*c*) if he has not strictly observed the rule, how many times he violated it ; and

(*d*) the names of the persons who have enjoyed the privileges of this special treatment ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Two junior acting men were appointed in short vacancies without prejudice to the claims of others on the recommendation of Tahsildars to avoid dislocation of work.

(*c*) Twice.

(*d*) K. H. Krishna Aiyar and A. Atchutha Variyar.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether the junior men who were appointed were fresh recruits, that is, those who had no previous experience ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No, they had acting appointments before. But the only thing is that there were seniors above them who had no appointment at that time. Men with more service were not appointed and so the Land Revenue Commissioner says that two junior acting men were appointed for short vacancies without prejudice to the claims of others.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Is it because seniors were not available ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : They were not available immediately.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Why ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : They did not come and apply.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Should they wait ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The work being urgent and to avoid dislocation of the work, the Tahsildar appointed in anticipation of sanction and the Peishkar had simply to approve of the action of the Tahsildar.

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MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether the Tahsildar acted irregularly?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether such a violation of this rule is permissible?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not quite a violation of the rule. In the exigencies of Government service such things occur.

Rule re eligibility of candidates sitting for music examinations.

77. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a rule that candidates applying for the Music Examination, Higher or Lower, should have passed the Sixth Class examination, if they are not in permanent posts in recogn ised institutions;

(*b*) the date on which this rule was brought into force;

(*c*) whether any exemption from the above rule is granted to those candidates who have passed the Lower Examination before the enactment of the above rule and who wish to sit for the Higher Examination; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, whether the inequity of not granting such exemption has been brought to their notice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) 30-6-1924.

(*c*) Ordinarily no exemption from the rule is granted. But in 1930 one N. Madhavi Amma, was granted exemption as a special case.

(*d*) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction has recommended that candidates who entered the course when there was no rule *re* general educational qualifications for appearance for the Music Examination and who passed the Lower Grade Examination, may be permitted to complete the course as a special case, by allowing them to appear for the Higher Grade Examination. The question of granting such general exemption is being considered by the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (*d*) it is stated that the Director has made a recommendation that certain candidates may be exempted from the rule. May I know when the recommendation was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This month.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the delay in disposing of the matter will cause the waste of one year to persons who want to join?

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